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SUBJECT: Relief for Cause

1. **APPLICABILITY.** This policy applies to all units and activities under the general court-martial convening authority of the Commanders, CJTF-7 and III Corps, as well as any separate brigade or unit which is OPCON or TACON to CJTF-7 or III Corps.


2. **POLICY.** Relief for cause is an extremely serious action. Commanders should consider a relief for cause as a last resort. Commanders should try to effect change using positive leadership methods such as counseling. Stronger methods such as counseling statements and letters of reprimand may be necessary. When these methods fail, commanders may consider relief for cause. When undertaking a relief for cause, commanders will ensure their actions strictly apply the policies prescribed by the referenced regulations, as well as the following:

a. Majors and below in command positions will not be relieved until the first general officer in their chain of command approves the relief in writing.

b. Colonels or lieutenant colonels in command positions and command sergeants major will not be relieved until the Commanding General, CJTF-7 or III Corps, has been notified. The first general officer in the chain of command must approve the relief in writing.

c. Officers in command and command sergeants major may be suspended from assigned duties by any superior commander in their chain of command, pending the decision on whether or not to relieve them for cause.

3. **EXPIRATION.** This policy remains in effect until superseded or rescinded.


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